

LAKES REGION HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCT FACILITY ANNUAL REPORT

The 2004 season for the LRHHPF offered 6 opportunities for safe, convenient, environmentally sound disposal of common household hazardous waste on the 3rd Saturday of the month May through October 8:30-noon. The second full season of collections at the permanent site at 404 Beach Pond Rd, Wolfeboro, saw a substantial total increase in attendance from 362 in 2003 to 479 households (HH) in 2004.

As member towns, Wolfeboro increased attendance from the previous year's total of 231 to 308 HH, and Alton from 97 to 140 HH. Households in member towns pick up a free pass from their solid waste facility. The pass is collected as a brief survey is completed during the collection. Non-member households must pay a fee to cover disposal costs. The total paid in by 31 non-member HH for the year was \$1600, an increase of \$500 over the 2003 season.

Survey results for 2004 show an upswing from one third to 45% in first time users of the facility. This is the group targeted by permanent facilities as many households are missed in once a year collection programs.

To participate in the hazardous waste program in 2005, note the following collection dates: May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15. Place household hazardous wastes in their original containers inside a sturdy cardboard box prior to loading them into your trunk. Glass containers can be cushioned with crumpled newspaper to prevent breakage. When open, the entrance to the facility is marked with 2 sunny yellow A-frame signs at the bottom of the hill by the Wolfeboro Solid Waste Facility.

Thank you to those that have attended for supporting the health and safety of your family and your community's resources by properly disposing of these toxic, flammable, or corrosive products. You have simultaneously greatly reduced the risk of injury and death for those that provide services at the solid waste facility by removing these products from the solid waste stream. The communities in the Lakes Region have prioritized safe disposal of HHW for two decades. The Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility is proud to assist the region in realizing this goal toward the next quarter century.

During the off-season please direct questions to Sarah M Silk, Site Coordinator at 569-2073 or 651-7530 (cell). May through October messages can be left at the facility phone: 569-Let's Take Care Of it or the cell number.

Respectfully submitted for the LRHHPF Joint Board,
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